

SPORTING FOR FIGHT

Washington Correspondent Believes a War Inevitable.

SECRETARY TAFT IS BUSY

Question of Employment of Convict Labor Will Receive Early Attention and Probably Will Be Satisfactorily Adjusted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—While the State Department is preserving an air of outward calm, there is little doubt that the Japanese situation is occasioning much uneasiness. Flushed with their recent victory in the clash with Russia, the little brown men are said to be sporting for a fight and Japan now seems to be in the international ring with a chip on its shoulder. The recent troubles in San Francisco have come at a time when the Japanese war spirit needed little to fan it into a flame, and as a result relations are said to be far more strained than the government is willing to admit. Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, called at the White House this week with the statement that the situation on the Pacific coast is daily becoming more acute. Senator Flint of California also is perturbed, and in his report, Rear-Admiral George A. Converse, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, makes significant recommendations for an increased naval force on the Pacific and the enlistment of native Americans only in the naval service. Secretary Metcalf, who investigated conditions in San Francisco, has made his report to the President but the text has not been made public. It is not believed, however, that the Metcalf report will throw much light on the subject, for the Secretary was unable to make more than a superficial investigation, and his findings are based entirely on evidence submitted by both sides to the controversy, which arose over the exclusion of Japanese students from the public schools.

After braving the icy terrors of the Arctic, Commander Robert R. Peary seized with a bad cold—something from which he was immune all through his dash toward the North Pole. The explorer lunched with the President Saturday, after paying his respects to Secretary Bonaparte, who congratulated him warmly on his feat of reaching "farthest North." Declaring his accomplishments reflected credit on the United States Navy, Commander Peary is at work on his report of the trip, but he will not be able to get well under way until the arrival of the ship Roosevelt at New York, as most of his notes are still in the cabin. He will have plenty of time in which to draw up the account of his latest expedition, for the two years' leave of absence granted him do not expire until April.

There is a disposition on the part of the government economists to believe that commercial prosperity may over-reach itself by too great a growth. Bradstreet's last report sets forth clearly the reason for this pessimistic view, when it says:

"The really serious cause of complaint, a reflection in itself of superabundant prosperity, is the practically country-wide congestion in railroad traffic which affects grain movement, collections and retail trade in the Northwest, delays delivery of badly needed coal supplies in the entire West interferes with the movement to market of cotton in the South and hampers manufacturing operations in the iron and steel, textile, lumber and other trades."

That this foreboding is shared by the great manufacturing concerns is shown clearly by a letter received by J. F. Ellison, secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which holds its convention here this week.

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The National Rivers and Harbors Congress, as is well known, is an organization of commercial bodies throughout the country and its aim is to secure an annual appropriation of \$5,000,000 for waterways development.

The busiest man in the United States, probably, is Secretary Taft. The corpulent cabinet official has on his hands scores of big questions that need immediate attention, and he is rushed to keep up with his work. The return of President Roosevelt added to his woes, for he is in demand as an adviser. Then there is his annual report, a work of head-splitting proportions, for it covers not only the army but the Philippines, Panama, Porto Rico, and just now, Cuba. For the last two or three days the Secretary has locked himself in his official castle, lowered the portcullis, raised the drawbridge and withdrawn from the eyes of the world. In short, he has adopted the scheme of locking on the inside every door leading to his own suite in the War Department, and he thus is enabled to work without interruptions. It may be that his labors will reduce his flesh, but this is altogether unlikely, for the heavy-weight of the Roosevelt official family seems to thrive and even grow on hard work.

The Bureau of Labor has just issued a report devoted entirely to the discussion of convict labor. The tendency of various states to engage in the manufacture of goods in competition with free labor is occasioning much adverse criticism here, for it not only establishes a dangerous precedent, but it is inimical to the interests of both commerce and labor. The doctor and workman, tax-payers alike and assisting to support the penal institution, are thus placed in the position of creating and aiding a rival with whom they cannot hope to compete in the open market. Those states who, in their zeal to strike the so-called trusts, adopt this method of solving an economic problem, would appear to be hurting the very class of their people they are most anxious to defend. The disastrous losses to the farm implement trade is touched on in the report, a condition attributed in large measure to the manufacture of binding twine by several of the states.

There is certain to be bitter criticism of the dismissal of three companies of negro soldiers by the President when Congress gets into action. It is probable that almost as soon as the session is opened a number of resolutions will be offered demanding all information on the subject, and a number of bitter speeches are expected in denunciation of Mr. Roosevelt's drastic action. Senator Foraker will speak on the subject, delivering a purely legal address on the power of the President in this regard, and Senator Tillman likely will be heard from. The South Carolinian cannot be accused of being a champion of the black race, but he is reported to have said that the discharged men were driven from the service unjustly. It is not likely that Congress will attempt any thing so extreme as the passage of an act restoring the battalion to the ranks. The President holds the veto power as a club and it is not probable that Congress could muster enough votes to pass the matter over a veto, even if it felt in the mood to offer such a rebuke to the Chief Executive.

In the appointment of John A. McIlhenny of New Iberia, La., to be civil service commissioner, President Roosevelt again has flouted established precedent, and has shown himself broad enough to select the man he believes best fitted for the place. In spite of his political beliefs, Mr. McIlhenny is a Democrat, and about 42 years of age. He was a member of the Rough Riders and is a manufacturer of tabasco sauce—thus being, probably "hot stuff" in the Presidential eye. He chaperoned the President on his bear hunt in the Mississippi cane brakes, and is a close friend of the chief executive.

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Uncle Sam will be asked by the Bureau of Navigation to provide funds for the champagne and terrapin and pate fo gras served in foreign ports by the doughty officers of the United States Navy. As a matter of fact, the naval officers have been compelled in the past to entertain a great deal in appearing off foreign shores, and while this has been an important part of the program in cultivating friendly commercial connection, the officers have been compelled to meet the extra expenditures out of their own pay. Such a condition is unfair to the service, and is found only in the United States navy. Reforms are to be asked.

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

First M. E. Church.
All lovers of good music will enjoy the evening service Sunday at the Methodist church. The choir will have charge of this service and will give a Sacred Concert. The theme at the morning service will be "The Dignity of Human Life." The other services are as follows: Class meeting at 10:15 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:15 p. m.; Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m. If you do not have a church home elsewhere we invite you to make your home with us. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. C. C. Barick, pastor.

Organ Prelude.
Opening Anthem, "This is the Day"—Choir.
Hymn No. 57.
Prayer.
Anthem, "Fear Not O Israel"—Choir.
Responsive Reading.
Gloria, Offertory.
Solo, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"—Mr. Ernest Oberg.
Hymn No. 150.
Anthem "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"—Choir.
Remarks—Rev. Mr. Barick.
Anthem, "Lift up Your Heads"—Choir.
Hymn No. 38.
Doxology.

First Congregational.
Services will be held morning and evening Sunday next at the usual time. The pastor will preach and cordially invites Congregationalists in this city to attend. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "A Question Every-one Must Answer." Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Gospel of Aid to the Injured." This is the fifth in the series on "Phases of the Gospel." Sunday school at 12:20. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Midweek meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Strangers, visitors and residents who are not connected with other churches in the city are cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

First Lutheran.
First Lutheran church, Gustave E. Rydquist, pastor. Services tomorrow as follows: English Lutheran Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent; morning service at 10:45 in Swedish; evening service in English at 7:30. Theme for sermon, "A Glorious Message." English Lutheran Sunday school at the German Lutheran church on Grand avenue at 2 o'clock p. m. Also service in English at 3 o'clock. Theme for sermon, "Man and the Son of Man." All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Norwegian-Lutheran Synod.
At the Norwegian Lutheran Synod church, corner of 29th and Grand Avenue: Services tomorrow morning at 10:45. English services in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school meets at 9:30 a. m. The Ladies' Aid Society meets next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Jaeger. The Girls' Sewing Society meets every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

Norwegian and Danish Methodist.
At the Norwegian and Danish Methodist church, corner of 37th and Duane streets: Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. At the evening service, Rev. J. P. Ellefson will assist the pastor. Come and bring your friends. Rev. Elias Gerding, pastor.

Presbyterian.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock. "Paul, the Prisoner." Sunday school 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30; evening worship, 7:30. "The Will and the Conscience." Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Warronton Presbyterian.
Sunday school at the Warren Hall at 10:30 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30.

Alderbrook Presbyterian.
Morning worship at 10 o'clock. Sunday school at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.

First Spiritual.
The First Spiritual church of Astoria will hold its regular service in the A. O. U. W. hall. You are cordially invited to be present.

A REPUBLICAN QUANDARY.

Only One Course Left to the Honest Voters of Ohio.
The Republican machine in Ohio by endorsing President Roosevelt and Senators Dick and Foraker coequally have produced a political dilemma. The Ohio Republican voter who believes that railroad rate regulation is for his own and the public good must vote against his own ticket to endorse such sentiments. The voter who believes with Senator Foraker that the railroads have vested interests that should not be disturbed and with the same sentiments of the lukewarm Dick vote the Republican machine ticket, but at the same time such voter will virtually flout the president for being in such company.

The Dick and Foraker political machines have joined forces in their emergency and have forced this quandary on the Ohio Republican voters by forcing their coequal endorsement with the president. Boss Cox and all the corrupt elements of the Republican party of Ohio are enthusiastic for "the ticket," which alone should be a signal of warning to honest voters that they must defeat it if they do not want to perpetuate the Foraker-Dick combine for ring rule.

Roosevelt Dominates.
That the Republican congressional machine is entirely subservient and dominated by the president is shown by Chairman Sherman saying he did not know exactly why he was called to Sagamore Hill. It was supposed, however, that President Roosevelt wanted to tell Chairman Sherman that the \$800,000 remaining in the hands of the Republican national committee, which was mostly fetched from the trust funds of the life insurance companies, was to be placed at the disposal of the congressional committee to save the party from defeat.

There's a big bill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is L. W. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after having taken 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold Cure. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, Druggist, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Ins and Outs.
The two young men reached the door at the same time. "Is Miss Swellington in?" they asked. The maid, Norah, looked at them and shook her head disconsolately. "She's in to wan av ye an' out to th' other," she said at last, "but th' two av ye comin' together has got me so tangled Oi'm blest if Oi know which is which. But come right in, both av ye, an' Oi'll as her to come down an' pick ye out."

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